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of conditions, there's no need for the word "final." The amendment also clarifies that "substantial change" actually means that when a county board or planning commissioner...excuse me, planning commission, removes the...reviews the application before making a final decision on issuing the permit, if there's any significant alteration in the information contained in the original application, such as a change in location or design of buildings or facilities, a change in waste disposal methods or facilities, or a change in capacity. There are still some concerns about the bill. But this amendment addresses my primary concerns. The county officials have said that they can work with the language, and will no longer oppose the bill. I pulled my motions and my amendments, and will support this amendment. I firmly believe that locally elected county officials are the best judges of the land use in their counties. And with Senator Bromm's amendment to LB 754, the county officials retain their authority over zoning decisions by their county. Again, I thank you for your patience on this bill, and I thank Senator Bromm for this amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator McDonald. Senator Bromm, did you wish to use any more of your time? He waives the opportunity. Senator McDonald, your light was on next. Did you wish to...Senator Kremer on the Bromm amendment.

SENATOR KREMER: Thank you, Senator Cudaback and members of the body. I don't think we need very many more words on this bill. I don't know of any bill that I've been involved with that's taken more time and more people involved and more misunderstandings than what this has. I fully support the amendment. I think it...and I know some of the discussions on many hours of meeting with people on both sides of the issue that the discussion of what to do with that word "final" came up many times, whether to take it out. But we just was trying to find something that would indicate a definite decision of what the requirements would be, and a definite decision if you have met those requirements on a county level before you went to all the expense to go further than that and to come back and find out it was denied. So taking this out is fine with me. I...it was never intended that that was the last word, because even one of the amendments before came down and said the only way it